(d) whether CVC proposes to appoint honorary vigilance advisors in every blocks/taluk with a authority to visit any Government office and bring corruption cases to the notice of CVC; and

(e) if so, the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF DEPARTMENT OF PERSONNEL AND TRAINING AND DEPARTMENT OF PENSION AND PENSIONERS' WELFARE OF THE MINISTRY OF PERSONNEL, PUBLIC GRIEVANCES AND PENSIONS (SHRIMATI VASUNDHARA RAJE): (a) to (c) Under the Prevention of Corruption Act, 1988, traps can be arranged against corrupt officials only by the Police Officers. There is no proposal under consideration of the Government to give police powers to Chief Vigilance Officers of various Ministries/ Departments/Organisations to lay traps for corrupt officials nor such a proposal has been received from the Central Vigilance Commission.

(d) and (e) No such proposal has been received from the Central Vigilance Commission.

Appointment of Candidates Recommended by UPSC

4961. SHRI K. RAHMAN KHAN: Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that a number of candidates recommended by the UPSC for appointment against the declared vacancies for IAS and other categories have been awaiting their appointments.

(b) if so, since when and to which categories (ST/SC and Backward classes) they belong, togetherwith reasons therefor; and

(c) what steps are proposed to be taken to make sure that the recommended candidates are suitably placed?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF DEPARTMENT OF PERSONNEL AND TRAINING AND DEPARTMENT OF PENSION AND PENSIONERS' WELFARE OF THE MINISTRY OF PERSONNEL, PUBLIC GRIEVANCES AND PENSIONS (SHRIMATI VASUNDHARA RAJE): (a) to (c) The candidates recommended by the Union Public Service Commission (UPSC) on the basis of Civil Services Examination (CSE) are considered for appointment to various services in accordance with the Rules of the Examination and ratio laid down by Hon'ble Supreme Court in the cases of Ritesh R. Shah [JT 1996 (2) SC 495] & M. Neethi Chandra (1996 6 SCC 36). Accordingly, a candidate belonging to the reserved category who has been recommended in the General Merit list and can be

allocated to a service of his/her higher preference without the benefit of reservation is not adjusted against a reserved vacancy. However, in other cases, where although such candidate has been recommended in the General Merit List but he can be allocated to the service of his/her higher preference only if he/she is given the benefit of such reservation for purposes of service allocation then he/she is given that benefit and adjusted against a reserved vacancy. This principle/practice of service allocation adopted in the context of the Civil Services Examinations have been scruitinized and upheld by the CAT, Hyderabad Bench (A. Murali Manohar and N. Vijaya Bhaskar) and CAT, Principal Bench, New Delhi (Satya Prakash, Anil Kumar and Basant Kumar). All claims for allocation of service on the basis of the recommendation of UPSC have been attended upto the CSE 1998 and there is no candidate who is as such awaiting appointment.

Further, in view of the above practice followed by the Government in the matter of service allocation, certain candidates belonging to the reserved category recommended on the basis of CSE-1994 to CSE-1998 could not be allocated to a service/post due to non-availability of vacancy/post in their turn under the category. The details of such candidates are given below:

Year of CSE	Number and category of candidates who could not be allocated to a service/post due to non-availability of vacancy/post in their turn under the category
1994	15 Other Backward Classes
1995	4 Other Backward Classes
1996	21 Other backward Classes
1997	17 Other Backward Classes & 1 Scheduled Tribe
1998	8 Other Backward Classes

The claims of these candidates for appointment have been considered and disposed off through detailed speaking orders issued in accordance with the Examination Rules as well as relevant Court Rulings.

Central Government Pension Beneficiaries

4962. PROF. M. SANKARALINGAM: Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) the number of Central Government pension beneficiaries till October, 1999;